

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph spanning page 1, lines 4-6 with the following amended paragraph:

This application is a continuation of claims priority from PCT/US98/27408, filed December 23, 1998, which is a continuation of United States provisional application serial No. 60/068,648, filed December 27, 1997, each of which is herein incorporated by reference.

Please replace the three paragraphs spanning page 16, lines 4-15 with the following three amended paragraphs:

Figure ~~4a~~ 1A shows a schematic diagram of the IG1 fusion protein (SEQ ID NO:1). The numbers following the backslashes in the legend indicate the GAD 65 peptide moiety to which region corresponds. For hGAD 65/473-5---, 5--- indicates 555.

Figure ~~4b~~ 1B shows a schematic diagram of the IG2 fusion protein (SEQ ID NO:2). The numbers following the backslashes in the legend indicate the GAD 65 peptide moiety to which region corresponds. For hGAD 65/473-5---, 5--- indicates 555.

Figure ~~4c~~ 1C shows a schematic diagram of the IG3 fusion protein (SEQ ID NO:3). The numbers following the backslashes in the legend indicate the GAD 65 peptide moiety to which region corresponds. For hGAD 65/473-5---, 5--- indicates 519.